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**HOUSE BILL 1199  
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Short Title: The Seatbelt Act.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ENACT THE STRONGER ENFORCEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR  
3 TRANSPORTATION BEHAVIOR AND EMERGING LIVE-SAVING TECHNOLOGY  
4 (SEATBELT) ACT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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7 **PART I. TITLE**

8 **SECTION 1.1.** This act shall be known as "The Stronger Enforcement and  
9 Accountability for Transportation Behavior and Emerging Live-saving Technology  
10 (SEATBELT) Act."  
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12 **PART II. INTELLIGENT SPEED ASSISTANCE SYSTEMS**

13 **SECTION 2.1.** Article 2 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
14 the following new sections to read:

15 **"§ 20-17.10. Restriction of a license after certain speeding convictions; Intelligent Speed  
16 Assistance system.**

17 (a) Definition. – The term Intelligent Speed Assistance system (ISA system) means an  
18 aftermarket system that uses location-based technology to automatically regulate vehicle  
19 acceleration or speed in accordance with the applicable speed limit.

20 (b) Scope. – This section applies to a person whose drivers license was revoked, or whose  
21 driving privilege was limited, pursuant to either (i) G.S. 20-16.1 or (ii) a violation of any of the  
22 following:

- 23 (1) G.S. 20-140.  
24 (2) G.S. 20-141.  
25 (3) G.S. 20-141.1.  
26 (4) G.S. 20-141.3.  
27 (5) G.S. 20-141.4.  
28 (6) G.S. 20-141.5.  
29 (7) G.S. 20-141.6.  
30 (8) G.S. 20-141.10.

31 (c) ISA System Required. – When the Division restores the license of, or grants a limited  
32 driving privilege to, a person who is subject to this section, in addition to any other restriction or  
33 condition, it shall require the person to agree to and shall indicate on the person's drivers license  
34 that the person may only operate a vehicle equipped with a functioning ISA system approved by  
35 the Commissioner.



1        (d) Length of Requirement. – The requirements of subsection (c) of this section shall  
2 remain in effect for one year from the date of restoration.

3        (e) Vehicles Subject to Requirement. – A person subject to this section shall designate in  
4 accordance with the policies of the Division any registered vehicles owned by that person that  
5 the person operates or intends to operate and have the designated vehicles equipped with a  
6 functioning ISA system of a type approved by the Commissioner. The Commissioner shall not  
7 issue a license to a person subject to this section until presented with proof of the installation of  
8 an ISA system in at least one of the person's designated vehicles. The Commissioner shall cancel  
9 the drivers license of any person subject to this section for operating a vehicle that has not been  
10 designated and equipped with a functioning ISA system in accordance with this subsection, or  
11 removal of the ignition interlock system from any designated motor vehicle owned by the person,  
12 other than when changing ISA system providers or upon sale of the designated vehicle.

13        (f) Notice of Requirement. – When a court reports to the Division a conviction of a  
14 person who is subject to this section, the Division must send the person written notice of the  
15 requirements of this section and of the consequences of failing to comply with these  
16 requirements. The notification must include a statement that the person may contact the Division  
17 for information on obtaining and having installed an ISA system of a type approved by the  
18 Commissioner.

19        (g) Effect of Violation of Restriction. – A person subject to this section who violates any  
20 of the restrictions of this section commits the offense of driving while license revoked under  
21 G.S. 20-28 and is subject to punishment as provided in that section.

22        (h) Notification of Revocation. – If the person's license has not already been surrendered  
23 to the court, the Division must expeditiously notify the person that the person's license to drive  
24 is revoked pursuant to subsection (g) of this section effective on the thirtieth calendar day after  
25 the mailing of the revocation order.

26        (i) Restoration After Violation. – When the Division restores the license of a person  
27 whose license was revoked pursuant to subsection (g) of this section and the revocation occurred  
28 prior to completion of time period required by subsection (d) of this section, in addition to any  
29 other restriction or condition, it shall require the person to comply with the conditions of  
30 subsection (c) of this section until the person has complied with those conditions for the  
31 cumulative period of time as set forth in subsection (d) of this section. The period of time for  
32 which the person successfully complied with subsection (c) of this section prior to revocation  
33 pursuant to subsection (g) of this section shall be applied toward the requirements of subsection  
34 (d) of this section.

35        (j) Data Collection. – All data collected by ISA systems pursuant to this section shall be  
36 subject to the following restrictions:

37            (1) An ISA system shall only collect the data necessary to support key functions  
38 such as confirming compliance, evaluating program performance, and  
39 improving system accuracy and effectiveness.

40            (2) Data collected through an ISA system shall not be disclosed unless: (i) the  
41 disclosure is required by law or regulation or (ii) the disclosed data is  
42 depersonalized and aggregated for research or evaluation purposes.

43            (3) Data collected through an ISA system shall not be sold, licensed, or used for  
44 commercial purposes.

45        (k) Tampering. – Any person who tampers with, circumvents, or attempts to circumvent  
46 an ISA system required to be installed on a motor vehicle pursuant to judicial order, statute, or  
47 as may be otherwise required as a condition for an individual to operate a motor vehicle, for the  
48 purpose of avoiding or altering the ISA system's speed or acceleration controls in the operation  
49 or attempted operation of a vehicle is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Each act of tampering,  
50 circumvention, or attempted circumvention under this statute shall constitute a separate violation.

1 (l) Report to General Assembly. – Beginning on January 1, 2028, and annually  
2 thereafter, the Division shall submit to the Chairs of the House and Senate Transportation  
3 Committees of the General Assembly, and post on the Division's website, a report that  
4 summarizes the effectiveness of ISA system usage. The report shall include the number of  
5 program participants, recidivism rates, and user compliance.

6 **"§ 20-17.11. Liability for Intelligent Speed Assistance system.**

7 (a) A manufacturer, distributor, or retailer of a motor vehicle is not liable for any loss,  
8 injury, or damages caused by the design, manufacture, installation, improper installation, use, or  
9 misuse of an aftermarket ISA system. However, liability does exist if the manufacturer,  
10 distributor, or retailer of a motor vehicle knowingly engages in a repair or update to the  
11 aftermarket ISA system and such repair or update proximately causes loss, injury, or damage.

12 (b) Nothing in this Chapter requires a manufacturer, distributor, or retailer of a motor  
13 vehicle to manufacture, distribute, or offer for sale a motor vehicle that includes or is compatible  
14 with an aftermarket ISA system.

15 (c) Nothing in this Chapter prohibits a lessor or lienholder from requiring that a motor  
16 vehicle lessee or owner notify the lessor or lienholder that an aftermarket ISA system has been  
17 installed on a motor vehicle that is subject to a lease or finance agreement."

18 **SECTION 2.2.** G.S. 20-179.5 reads as rewritten:

19 **"§ 20-179.5. Affordability of ignition interlock system and Intelligent Speed Assistance**  
20 **systems.**

21 (a) Payment of Costs. – The costs incurred in order to comply with the ignition interlock  
22 or Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) requirements imposed by the court or the Division pursuant  
23 to this Chapter, including costs for installation and monitoring of the ignition interlock or ISA  
24 system, shall be paid by the person ordered to install the system. The costs incurred from  
25 voluntarily installing an ignition interlock or ISA system, including costs for monitoring the  
26 ignition interlock or ISA system, shall be paid by the person voluntarily installing the system.  
27 Costs for installation and monitoring of the ignition interlock or ISA system shall be collected  
28 under terms agreed upon by the ignition interlock or ISA system vendor and the person required  
29 to install, or voluntarily installing, the ignition interlock or ISA system.

30 (b) Waiver. – A person who is ordered by a court, or required by statute, to install an  
31 ignition interlock or ISA system in order to lawfully operate a motor vehicle, but who is unable  
32 to afford the cost of an ignition interlock or ISA system, may apply to an authorized vendor for  
33 a waiver of a portion of the costs of an ignition interlock or ISA system. Additionally, a person  
34 meeting the requirements set forth in sub-subdivisions a. through f. of subdivision (6b) of  
35 subsection (e) of G.S. 20-179 who is unable to afford the cost of an ignition interlock system may  
36 apply to an authorized vendor for a waiver of a portion of the costs of an ignition interlock system.

37 (c) Affidavit. – A person who applies for a waiver of a portion of the costs of an ignition  
38 interlock or ISA system under subsection (b) of this section shall provide to the vendor on a form  
39 affidavit created by the Division a statement (i) that the person's income is at or below one  
40 hundred fifty percent (150%) of the federal poverty line or (ii) that the person is enrolled in any  
41 of the following public assistance programs:

- 42 (1) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- 43 (2) Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- 44 (3) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- 45 (4) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).
- 46 (5) Medicaid.

47 (d) Supporting Documentation. – A person who submits an affidavit under subsection (c)  
48 of this section shall provide to the vendor documentation confirming the statement set out in the  
49 affidavit. A person may establish the person's income for purposes of this subsection by providing  
50 any of the following:

- 51 (1) A copy of the person's federal tax return for the previous year.

- 1 (2) A copy of the person's IRS Form W-2 for the previous year.  
 2 (3) A copy of the person's pay stubs or monthly income statements for the three  
 3 months immediately preceding the date of application under subsection (b) of  
 4 this section.  
 5 (4) A verification of unemployment benefits paid to the person for the three  
 6 months immediately preceding the date of application under subsection (b) of  
 7 this section.  
 8 (e) Reduction of Costs. – A vendor who receives a waiver under subsection (b) of this  
 9 section that complies with the requirements of subsections (c) and (d) of this section shall install  
 10 the ignition interlock or ISA system in accordance with both of the following terms:  
 11 (1) The applicant shall not be required to pay for installation or removal of the  
 12 ignition interlock or ISA system or systems.  
 13 (2) The applicant shall receive a fifty percent (50%) discount on the monthly  
 14 service rate charged to persons who are not granted a waiver under this  
 15 section.  
 16 (f) Review of Denial. – An applicant denied a waiver of ignition interlock or ISA system  
 17 costs under this section may seek review by the Division of the vendor's determination. The  
 18 Division shall adopt rules to govern its review under this subsection."

19 **SECTION 2.3.** No later than December 1, 2026, the Department of Transportation,  
 20 Division of Motor Vehicles, shall contract with at least two qualified vendors to implement the  
 21 requirements of this Part.

22 **SECTION 2.4.** The Division of Motor Vehicles of the Department of Transportation  
 23 shall adopt rules to implement this Part.

24 **SECTION 2.5.** Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of this Part become effective December 1, 2027,  
 25 and apply to offenses committed on or after that date. The remainder of this Part is effective when  
 26 it becomes law.  
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### 28 **PART III. MODIFY IGNITION INTERLOCK REQUIREMENTS**

29 **SECTION 3.1.** G.S. 20-16.2(c1) reads as rewritten:

30 "(c1) Procedure for Reporting Results and Refusal to Division. – Whenever a person  
 31 refuses to submit to a chemical analysis, a person has an alcohol concentration of ~~0.15~~0.08  
 32 or more, or a person's drivers license has an alcohol concentration restriction and the results of the  
 33 chemical analysis establish a violation of the restriction, the law enforcement officer and the  
 34 chemical analyst shall without unnecessary delay go before an official authorized to administer  
 35 oaths and execute an affidavit(s) stating ~~that~~all of the following:

- 36 (1) The person was charged with an implied-consent offense or had an alcohol  
 37 concentration restriction on the drivers ~~license~~license.  
 38 (2) A law enforcement officer had reasonable grounds to believe that the person  
 39 had committed an implied-consent offense or violated the alcohol  
 40 concentration restriction on the drivers ~~license~~license.  
 41 (3) Whether the implied-consent offense charged involved death or critical injury  
 42 to another person, if the person willfully refused to submit to chemical  
 43 ~~analysis~~analysis.  
 44 (4) The person was notified of the rights in subsection ~~(a)~~(a) of this section.  
 45 (5) The results of any tests given or that the person willfully refused to submit to  
 46 a chemical analysis.

47 If the person's drivers license has an alcohol concentration restriction, pursuant to G.S. 20-19(c3),  
 48 and an officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person has violated a provision of that  
 49 restriction other than violation of the alcohol concentration level, the officer and chemical analyst  
 50 shall complete the applicable sections of the affidavit and indicate the restriction which was  
 51 violated. The officer shall immediately mail the affidavit(s) to the Division. If the officer is also

1 the chemical analyst who has notified the person of the rights under subsection ~~(a)~~, (a) of this  
2 section, the officer may perform alone the duties of this subsection."

3 **SECTION 3.2.** G.S. 20-16.2(e1) reads as rewritten:

4 "(e1) Limited Driving Privilege after Six Months in Certain Instances. – A person whose  
5 driver's license has been revoked under this section may apply for and a judge authorized to do  
6 so by this subsection may issue a limited driving privilege ~~if~~ if all of the following requirements  
7 are met:

- 8 (1) At the time of the refusal the person held either a valid drivers license or a  
9 license that had been expired for less than one ~~year~~; year.
- 10 (2) At the time of the refusal, the person had not within the preceding seven years  
11 been convicted of an offense involving impaired ~~driving~~; driving.
- 12 (3) At the time of the refusal, the person had not in the preceding seven years  
13 willfully refused to submit to a chemical analysis under this ~~section~~; section.
- 14 (4) The implied consent offense charged did not involve death or critical injury  
15 to another ~~person~~; person.
- 16 (5) The underlying charge for which the defendant was requested to submit to a  
17 chemical analysis has been finally disposed of:
  - 18 a. Other than by conviction; or
  - 19 b. By a conviction of impaired driving under G.S. 20-138.1, at a  
20 punishment level authorizing issuance of a limited driving privilege  
21 under G.S. 20-179.3(b), and the defendant has complied with at least  
22 one of the mandatory conditions of probation listed for the punishment  
23 level under which the defendant was ~~sentenced~~; sentenced.
- 24 (6) Subsequent to the refusal the person has had no unresolved pending charges  
25 for or additional convictions of an offense involving impaired ~~driving~~; driving.
- 26 (7) The person's license has been revoked for at least six months for the ~~refusal~~;  
27 and refusal.
- 28 (8) The person has obtained a substance abuse assessment from a mental health  
29 facility and successfully completed any recommended training or treatment  
30 program.
- 31 (9) All vehicles that the person will be authorized to drive have been equipped  
32 with a type of ignition interlock system approved by the Commissioner.

33 Except as modified in this subsection, the provisions of G.S. 20-179.3 relating to the procedure  
34 for application and conduct of the hearing and the restrictions required or authorized to be  
35 included in the limited driving privilege apply to applications under this subsection. If the case  
36 was finally disposed of in the district court, the hearing shall be conducted in the district court  
37 district as defined in G.S. 7A-133 in which the refusal occurred by a district court judge. If the  
38 case was finally disposed of in the superior court, the hearing shall be conducted in the superior  
39 court district or set of districts as defined in G.S. 7A-41.1 in which the refusal occurred by a  
40 superior court judge. A limited driving privilege issued under this section authorizes a person to  
41 drive if the person's license is revoked solely under this section or solely under this section and  
42 G.S. 20-17(2). If the person's license is revoked for any other reason, the limited driving privilege  
43 is invalid."

44 **SECTION 3.3.** G.S. 20-16.5(p) reads as rewritten:

45 "(p) Limited Driving Privilege. – A person whose drivers license has been revoked for a  
46 specified period of 30 or 45 days under this section may apply for a limited driving privilege ~~if~~ if  
47 all of the following requirements are met:

- 48 (1) At the time of the alleged offense the person held either a valid drivers license  
49 or a license that had been expired for less than one ~~year~~; year.
- 50 (2) Does not have an unresolved pending charge involving impaired driving  
51 except the charge for which the license is currently revoked under this section

1 or additional convictions of an offense involving impaired driving since being  
 2 charged for the violation for which the license is currently revoked under this  
 3 ~~section;~~section.

4 (3) The person's license has been revoked for at least 10 days if the revocation is  
 5 for 30 days or 30 days if the revocation is for 45 ~~days;~~ and days.

6 (4) The person has obtained a substance abuse assessment from a mental health  
 7 facility and registers for and agrees to participate in any recommended training  
 8 or treatment program.

9 (5) All vehicles that the person will be authorized to drive have been equipped  
 10 with a type of ignition interlock system approved by the Commissioner.

11 A person whose license has been indefinitely revoked under this section may, after  
 12 completion of 30 days under subsection (e) or the applicable period of time under subdivision  
 13 (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (f), apply for a limited driving privilege. In the case of an indefinite  
 14 revocation, a judge of the division in which the current offense is pending may issue the limited  
 15 driving privilege only if the privilege is necessary to overcome undue hardship and the person  
 16 meets the eligibility requirements of G.S. 20-179.3, except that the requirements in  
 17 G.S. 20-179.3(b)(1)c. and G.S. 20-179.3(e) shall not apply. Except as modified in this  
 18 subsection, the provisions of G.S. 20-179.3 relating to the procedure for application and conduct  
 19 of the hearing and the restrictions required or authorized to be included in the limited driving  
 20 privilege apply to applications under this subsection. Any district court judge authorized to hold  
 21 court in the judicial district is authorized to issue such a limited driving privilege. A limited  
 22 driving privilege issued under this section authorizes a person to drive if the person's license is  
 23 revoked solely under this section. If the person's license is revoked for any other reason, the  
 24 limited driving privilege is invalid."

25 **SECTION 3.4.** G.S. 20-17.8 reads as rewritten:

26 "**§ 20-17.8. Restoration of a license after certain driving while impaired convictions;**  
 27 **ignition interlock.**

28 (a) Scope. – This section applies to a person whose license was revoked as a result of a  
 29 conviction of driving while impaired, G.S. 20-138.1, and any of the following conditions is met:

30 (1) The person had an alcohol concentration of ~~0.15-0.08~~ 0.15-0.08 ~~or more.~~ or refused  
 31 to submit to a chemical analysis.

32 (2) The person has been convicted of another offense involving impaired driving,  
 33 which offense occurred within seven years immediately preceding the date of  
 34 the offense for which the person's license has been revoked.

35 (3) The person was sentenced pursuant to G.S. 20-179(f3).

36 For purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the results of a chemical analysis, as shown  
 37 by an affidavit or affidavits executed pursuant to G.S. 20-16.2(c1), shall be used by the Division  
 38 to determine that person's alcohol concentration.

39 (a1) Additional Scope. – This section applies to a person whose license was revoked as a  
 40 result of a conviction of habitual impaired driving, G.S. 20-138.5. ~~Except for a conviction under~~  
 41 ~~G.S. 20-141.4(a2), this section also applies to a person whose license was revoked as a result of~~  
 42 ~~a conviction under G.S. 20-141.4.~~

43 (a2) Under Age 21. – The provisions of this section apply to a person whose license was  
 44 revoked as the result of a conviction of driving by a person less than 21 years old after consuming  
 45 alcohol pursuant to G.S. 20-138.3.

46 (b) Ignition Interlock Required. – Except as provided in subsection (l) of this section,  
 47 when the Division restores the license of a person who is subject to this section, in addition to  
 48 any other restriction or condition, it shall require the person to agree to and shall indicate on the  
 49 person's drivers license all of the following restrictions for the period designated in subsection  
 50 (e)-(c) of this section:

- 1 (1) A restriction that the person may operate only a vehicle that is equipped with  
 2 a functioning ignition interlock system of a type approved by the  
 3 Commissioner. The Commissioner shall not unreasonably withhold approval  
 4 of an ignition interlock system and shall consult with the Division of Purchase  
 5 and Contract in the Department of Administration to ensure that potential  
 6 vendors are not discriminated against. All approved vendors shall report all  
 7 attempts to start the vehicle with an alcohol concentration greater than 0.02 or  
 8 any other violations of the interlock policies established by the Division for  
 9 use of an ignition interlock system or a violation of G.S. 20-17.8A to the  
 10 Commissioner in accordance with Division requirements.
- 11 (2) A requirement that the person personally activate the ignition interlock system  
 12 before driving the motor vehicle.
- 13 (3) A requirement that the person not drive with an alcohol concentration of 0.02  
 14 or greater.

15 ...."

16 **SECTION 3.5.** G.S. 20-138.3(d) reads as rewritten:

17 "(d) Limited Driving Privilege. – A person who is convicted of violating subsection (a) of  
 18 this section and whose drivers license is revoked solely based on that conviction may apply for  
 19 a limited driving privilege as provided in G.S. 20-179.3. This subsection shall apply only if the  
 20 person meets ~~both~~ each of the following requirements:

- 21 (1) Is 18, 19, or 20 years old on the date of the offense.  
 22 (2) Has not previously been convicted of a violation of this section.  
 23 (3) Has equipped all vehicles to be operated under a limited driving privilege with  
 24 approved ignition interlock systems.

25 The judge may issue the limited driving privilege only if the person meets the eligibility  
 26 requirements of G.S. 20-179.3, other than the requirement in G.S. 20-179.3(b)(1)c.  
 27 G.S. 20-179.3(e) shall not apply. All other terms, conditions, and restrictions provided for in  
 28 G.S. 20-179.3 shall apply. G.S. 20-179.3, rather than this subsection, governs the issuance of a  
 29 limited driving privilege to a person who is convicted of violating subsection (a) of this section  
 30 and of driving while impaired as a result of the same transaction."

31 **SECTION 3.6.** G.S. 20-179.3(g5) reads as rewritten:

32 "(g5) Ignition Interlock Required. – If a person's drivers license is revoked for a conviction  
 33 of G.S. 20-138.1, and the person had an alcohol concentration of ~~0.15-0.08~~ or more or more, is  
 34 eligible for a limited driving privilege pursuant to subdivision (b)(3) of this section, or refused to  
 35 submit to a chemical analysis, a judge shall include all of the following in a limited driving  
 36 privilege order:

37 If the limited driving privilege order includes the restrictions set forth in this subsection, then  
 38 the limitations set forth in subsections (a), (f), (g), (g1), and (g2) of this section do not apply  
 39 when the person is operating the designated motor vehicle with a functioning ignition interlock  
 40 system. For purposes of this subsection, the results of a chemical analysis presented at trial or  
 41 sentencing shall be sufficient to prove a person's alcohol concentration, shall be conclusive, and  
 42 shall not be subject to modification by any party, with or without approval by the court. The  
 43 removal of the ignition interlock system prior to the end of the revocation period or any extension  
 44 shall void the limited driving privilege and the Division shall remove the limited driving privilege  
 45 from the person's driving record. The interlock provider shall notify the holder of the limited  
 46 driving privilege that removal voids the limited driving privilege in accordance with Division  
 47 policy. The Division shall notify the person by first class mail at the address on file with the  
 48 Division that the limited driving privilege is void and does not authorize driving due to removal  
 49 of the ignition interlock system.

- 50 (1) A restriction that the applicant may operate only a designated motor vehicle.

1 (2) A requirement that the designated motor vehicle be equipped with a  
2 functioning ignition interlock system of a type approved by the  
3 Commissioner, which is set to prohibit driving with an alcohol concentration  
4 of greater than 0.02. The Commissioner shall not unreasonably withhold  
5 approval of an ignition interlock system and shall consult with the Division of  
6 Purchase and Contract in the Department of Administration to ensure that  
7 potential vendors are not discriminated against. All approved vendors shall  
8 report all attempts to start the vehicle with an alcohol concentration greater  
9 than 0.02 or any other violations of the interlock policies established by the  
10 Division for use of an ignition interlock system or a violation of  
11 G.S. 20-17.8A to the Commissioner in accordance with Division  
12 requirements.

13 (3) A requirement that the applicant personally activate the ignition interlock  
14 system before driving the motor vehicle."

15 **SECTION 3.7.** This Part becomes effective December 1, 2027, and applies to  
16 offenses committed on or after that date.

#### 17 18 **PART IV. SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC CAMERAS**

19 **SECTION 4.1.** G.S. 8-50.4 reads as rewritten:

20 "**§ 8-50.4. Results of electronic ~~speed-measuring instruments~~ speed and traffic safety  
21 monitoring systems to enforce ~~speed limits~~ traffic laws in school zones;  
22 admissibility.**

23 (a) The results of the use of an electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety  
24 monitoring system as described in G.S. 160A-300.4 and G.S. 153A-246.1 shall be admissible as  
25 evidence in nonjudicial administrative hearings held pursuant to G.S. 160A-300.4(d)(5) or  
26 G.S. 153A-246.1(d)(5).

27 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the results of an  
28 electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety monitoring system are not admissible unless  
29 all of the following are established:

30 (1) The electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety monitoring system  
31 employed was approved for use by the North Carolina Criminal Justice  
32 Education and Training Standards Commission and the Secretary of Public  
33 Safety pursuant to G.S. 17C-6.

34 (2) The electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety monitoring system  
35 was calibrated and tested for accuracy in accordance with the standards  
36 established by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training  
37 Standards Commission and the Secretary of Public Safety for that particular  
38 system.

39 (c) All electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety monitoring systems shall be  
40 calibrated and tested in accordance with standards established by the North Carolina Criminal  
41 Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and the Secretary of Public Safety. A  
42 written certificate by a technician certified by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and  
43 Training Standards Commission showing that a test was made within the required testing period  
44 and that the system was accurate shall be competent and prima facie evidence of those facts in a  
45 nonjudicial administrative hearing held pursuant to G.S. 160A-300.4(d)(5) or  
46 G.S. 153A-246.1(d)(5).

47 (d) In every nonjudicial administrative hearing held pursuant to G.S. 160A-300.4(d)(5)  
48 or G.S. 153A-246.1(d)(5), where the results of an electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic  
49 safety monitoring system are sought to be admitted, notice shall be taken of the rules approving  
50 the electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety monitoring system and the procedures  
51 for calibration or testing for accuracy of the system."

1           **SECTION 4.2.** G.S. 17C-6 reads as rewritten:

2   "**§ 17C-6. Powers of Commission.**

3       (a) In addition to powers conferred upon the Commission elsewhere in this Article, the  
4 Commission shall have the following powers, which shall be enforceable through its rules and  
5 regulations, certification procedures, or the provisions of G.S. 17C-10:

6       ...

7       (13b) In conjunction with the Secretary of Public Safety, approve use of specific  
8 models and types of electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety  
9 monitoring systems as described in G.S. 160A-300.4(a) and  
10 G.S. 153A-246.1(a) and establish standards for calibration and testing for  
11 accuracy of each approved system.

12       ...."

13           **SECTION 4.3.** G.S. 153A-246.1 reads as rewritten:

14   "**§ 153A-246.1. Use of electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety monitoring**  
15 **systems to enforce speed limits in school zones.**

16       (a) ~~An electronic speed-measuring system is a~~ The following definitions apply in this  
17 section:

18       (1) Electronic speed and traffic safety monitoring system. – A mobile or fixed  
19 device consisting of an automated traffic camera and sensor capable of: (i)  
20 measuring ~~speed~~ a vehicle's speed, positioning, or both, and (ii) producing one  
21 or more digital photographs or videos of a motor vehicle violating any of the  
22 following: (i) a posted speed ~~limit~~ limit, (ii) G.S. 20-158, or (iii) G.S. 20-173.

23       (2) School zone. – An area near a public, private, or parochial school where,  
24 pursuant to G.S. 20-141.1, the Board of Transportation or local authorities  
25 have set speed limits lower than those designated by G.S. 20-141.

26       ...

27       (d) A county may adopt ordinances for the civil enforcement ~~of G.S. 20-141.1~~ of: (i)  
28 G.S. 20-141.1, (ii) a violation of G.S. 20-158 within a school zone, or (iii) a violation of  
29 G.S. 20-173 within a school zone by means of an electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic  
30 safety monitoring system. Notwithstanding the provisions of ~~G.S. 20-141.1~~ G.S. 20-141.1,  
31 20-158, 20-173, and ~~G.S. 20-176~~, 20-176, in the event that a county adopts an ordinance pursuant  
32 to this section, a violation of ~~G.S. 20-141.1~~ G.S. 20-141.1, 20-158, or 20-173 detected by an  
33 electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety monitoring system shall not be an infraction  
34 if a citation is issued in accordance with this subsection. An ordinance authorized by this  
35 subsection shall provide that:

36       ...

37       (3) The citation shall contain all of the following:

38           a. The recorded image or video of the ~~vehicle speeding~~ vehicle: (i)  
39 speeding, (ii) violating G.S. 20-158, or (iii) violating G.S. 20-173.

40       ...

41           d. ~~The~~ For violations of G.S. 20-141.1, the recorded speed.

42       ...."

43           **SECTION 4.4.** G.S. 160A-300.4 reads as rewritten:

44   "**§ 160A-300.4. Use of electronic ~~speed-measuring~~ speed and traffic safety monitoring**  
45 **systems to enforce speed limits in school zones.**

46       (a) ~~An electronic speed-measuring system is a~~ The following definition applies in this  
47 section:

48       (1) Electronic speed and traffic safety monitoring system. – A mobile or fixed  
49 device consisting of an automated traffic camera and sensor capable of (i)  
50 measuring ~~speed~~ a vehicle's speed, positioning, or both, and (ii) producing one

1 or more digital photographs or videos of a motor vehicle violating any of the  
2 following: (i) a posted speed ~~limit~~-limit, (ii) G.S. 20-158, or (iii) G.S. 20-173.

3 ...  
4 (d) A municipality may adopt ordinances for the civil enforcement of ~~G.S. 20-141.1~~ of:  
5 (i) G.S. 20-141.1, (ii) a violation of G.S. 20-158 within a school zone, or (iii) a violation of  
6 G.S. 20-173 within a school zone by means of an electronic ~~speed-measuring-speed~~ and traffic  
7 safety monitoring system. Notwithstanding the provisions of ~~G.S. 20-141.1~~ G.S. 20-141.1,  
8 20-158, 20-173, and G.S. 20-176, 20-176, in the event that a municipality adopts an ordinance  
9 pursuant to this section, a violation of ~~G.S. 20-141.1~~ G.S. 20-141.1, 20-158, or 20-173 detected  
10 by an electronic ~~speed-measuring-speed~~ and traffic safety monitoring system shall not be an  
11 infraction if a citation is issued in accordance with this subsection. An ordinance authorized by  
12 this subsection shall provide that:

- 13 ...  
14 (3) The citation shall contain all of the following:  
15 a. The recorded image or video of the ~~vehicle speeding~~-vehicle: (i)  
16 speeding, (ii) violating G.S. 20-158, or (iii) violating G.S. 20-173.  
17 ...  
18 d. ~~The~~ For violations of G.S. 20-141.1, the recorded speed.  
19 ...."

20 **SECTION 4.5.** This Part becomes effective December 1, 2026, and applies to  
21 offenses committed on or after that date.

22  
23 **PART V. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

24 **SECTION 5.1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Administrative  
25 Office of the Courts the sum of nine million dollars (\$9,000,000) in nonrecurring funds in the  
26 2026-2027 fiscal year to be used for the recordation of district court proceedings.

27 **SECTION 5.2.** This Part becomes effective July 1, 2026.

28  
29 **PART VI. SAVINGS CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE**

30 **SECTION 6.1.** Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of this  
31 act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be applicable but for this act  
32 remain applicable to those prosecutions.

33 **SECTION 6.2.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes  
34 law.